(a) the number of public and private sector companies that are in the sick list;

(b) the percentage of public and private sector units in the sick list out of the total units; and

(c) the amount of cash advanced by banks and financial institutions to sick public and private sector units to nurse such units back to health?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Fuel efficiency Certificates to Vehicles

4815. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for issuing fuel efficiency certificates to motor vehicles;

(b) the automobiles/engines that have been issued the fuel efficiency certificates;

(c) whether any of the vehicles/engines have been refused such certificates;

(d) if so, the names thereof during the last 3 years; and

(e) the reasons for the refusal of these certificates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (e). Fuel Efficiency norms have been prescribed for various automotive vehicles depending upon their engine capacity. These norms are being viewed and upgraded from time to time. A Fuel Efficiency Committee considers the test reports furnished by the designated testing agency based on the tests conducted by it on two vehicles of the same model selected at random by the testing agency from the production plant and certificates so issued on the basis of the Committee's recommendations are valid for one year. The certificates are model specific and cover a wide range of vehicles. The issue of a fuel efficiency certificate has been linked to the grant of certain fiscal concessions. As per the Customs Notification issued by the Ministry of Finance in this behalf, vehicles which met the prescribed norms and were being manufactured under approved programme were to be issued fuel efficiency certificates. No vehicle which fulfilled the above conditions has been denied the fuel efficiency certificates.

Investment in Industrial Venture in Maharashtra

4816. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the proposals pending before the Union Government for investment in new industrial ventures in Maharashtra State;

(b) the percentage of central investment for industrial ventures in this State during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91;

(c) whether there is any proposal for new ventures for downstream industries in Maharashtra; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) As on 30th June, 1991, 573 applications were pending for grant of Letters of Intent to set up industrial units in Maharashtra.

(b) Statewise percentage of investment by Central Public Sector Undertakings is

available only upto 1989-90. The said percentage for Maharashtra was 16.70 in 1988-89 and 17.58 in 1989-90.

(c) and (d). M/s. Indian Petrochemicals Industries Limited (IPCL), a wholly owned Government of India Undertaking, are setting up a gas cracker complex including manufacture of downstream products in Raigad Distt. Of Maharashtra. M/s. National Organic Chemicals Industries Limited (NOCIL) are in the process of implementation of a Letter of Intent granted to them for effecting substantial expansion for the manufacture of ethylene and certain downstream products in Thane District of Maharashtra.

Project Report of BHEL

4817. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Heavy Electrical Limited has prepared a project report for implementation in Orissa and has procured the required land; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b). In the Sixth Plan, BHEL has proposed to set up a plant at Chandaka in Orissa for the manufacture of Mill accessories and for this purpose, an industrial plot was ear-marked. The proposal was, however, not pursued further because of the shrinkage in the order book position of BHEL, particularly for boilers. The company have decided to utilise the surplus capacities in their existing plants for the manufacture of these items.

[*Translation*]

Booth Capturing by Chairman, KVIC

4818. SHRI ARVIND NETAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints regarding booth capturing by the Chairman, Khadi and Village Industries Commission have been received; and

(b) if so, the action taken proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). Chief Electoral Officer, Uttar Pradesh and Commissioner, Meerut Division have informed that no such case has come to their notice. However, certain complaints have been received and they are being looked into.

[*English*]

Women Employees

4819. SHRI P.P. KALIAPERUMAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the strength and percentage of women employees out of the total strength of the Central Government employees as on July 31, 1991, group-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to provide for reservation for women in Central Government services and Public Undertakings; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The data regarding